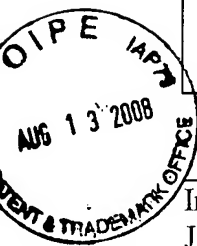


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 14, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. The time period for response has been extended to August 14, 2008, by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.